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To whom it may concern,

As a professional Designer/Web developer, the stranglehold Microsoft has on the tech industry is unjustifiable.

It maintains that it innovates, while in reality it buys companies that are innovating and uses its sheer size to stamp out unwanted competition. This has been well documented so I need not revisit these claims.

One example being its well known demand that Apple Computer use Microsoft Internet Explorer for Macintosh as the default browser on all new machines or it would cancel development of Microsoft Office for the Mac - a blow which would have meant almost certain death for one of the few true innovators in the industry. This probably doesn't come close to touching on the goings on that aren't documented.

They should not have the power to demand what canned OS or software feature set does or does not run on PC manufacturers machines.

I think they have stifled innovation and set the industry years behind where it could be - all at our expense.

Regards,

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